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PAID-UP CAPITAL.....\$10,000,000.
RESERVE FUND.....\$5,000,000.
RESERVE LIABILITY OF.....\$10,000,000.
PROFITORS.....\$1,000,000.
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HONGKONG—INTEREST ALLOWED.
On Current Account at the rate of 2 per cent. per annum on the daily balance.
OF FIXED DEPOSITS:—
For 3 months 2½ per cent. per annum.
“ 6 “ 3 “ “ “ “
“ 12 “ 4 “ “ “ “
T. JACKSON, Chief Manager.
Hongkong, December 23, 1895. 343

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For the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation,
T. JACKSON, Chief Manager.
Hongkong, August 1, 1895. 1515

THE NATIONAL BANK OF CHINA, LIMITED.
AUTHORISED CAPITAL.....\$1,000,000.
SUBSCRIBED CAPITAL.....\$500,000.
HEAD OFFICE—HONGKONG.
Court of Directors:
D. GILLIES, Esq., H. STOLZBERG, Esq.,
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KWEI HOI CHUNG, Esq.,
Chief Manager,
Geo. W. E. FRAYLOR.
Interest for 12 months fixed 5%.
Hongkong, October 23, 1894. 1711

THE MERCHANTS BANK OF INDIA, LIMITED.
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SUBSCRIBED CAPITAL.....\$1,250,000.
PAID-UP.....\$500,000.
BANKERS.
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ON NEW FIXED DEPOSITS:—
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Deposits Renewed on Old Terms.
J. W. B. TAYLOR, Manager, Hongkong.
Hongkong, December 13, 1895. 228

THE CHARTERED BANK OF INDIA, AUSTRALIA, AND CHINA.
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HEAD OFFICE, LONDON.
CAPITAL PAID-UP IN 10,000,000
RESERVE FUND.....\$2,000,000
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INTEREST allowed on Current Accounts at the rate of 2½ per annum on the Daily Balance.
On Fixed Deposits for 12 months 4%
“ 6 months 3½%
“ 3 months 3%
Deposits Renewed on Old Terms.
J. H. WHITEHEAD, Manager.
Hongkong, September 18, 1895. 246
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Karl Stern, Editor.
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Hongkong, December 23, 1895. 2427

Dressmaking.
THE HONGKONG TRADING CO. respectfully remind their Customers requiring DRESSES for the MASONIC BALL, Feb. 17th, or Costumes for the RACES, that all Orders should be placed early, owing to the CHINESE NEW YEAR falling on Feb. 15th.
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SHIPPING AND COAST PORT ORDERS WILL HAVE PROMPT ATTENTION.
J. TATAM.
Hongkong, December 2, 1895. 2244

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W. JACKSON, Manager.
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SHANGHAI.....Pekin.....About 14th Jan.....Freight or Passage.
LONDON.....Macao.....Noon, 15th Jan.....Freight or Passage.
LONDON, &c.....Khartoum.....16th Jan.....See Special Advertisement.
JAPAN.....Amoy.....Noon, 17th Jan.....Freight or Passage.
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Hongkong, January 10, 1896. 55

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Hongkong, January 4, 1896. 28

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COMMERCIAL STATIONERY of every description.
ESTIMATES ON APPLICATION. 1478

Auctions.
PUBLIC AUCTION.
THE Undersigned has received instructions to Sell by Public Auction, on SATURDAY, the 11th day of January, 1896, at 2.30 p.m., at his Sales Rooms, QUEEN'S ROAD, AN INVOICE OF JAPANESE PLANTS, Ex S.S. Hokkaido Maru, comprising:—
ASSORTED CAMELLIAS, FLOWERING PLUM, and CHERRY, LARINES, and BUNDEY OTHER PLANTS and SHRUBS.
AN ASSORTMENT OF LILY BUSH.
TERMS of Sale:—As customary.
J. M. ARMSTRONG, Auctioneer.
Hongkong, January 9, 1896. 65

To Let.
TO LET.
DWELLING HOUSES.—
HOUSES in RIFON TERRACE, No. 3, ALYTON TERRACE, No. 11, LYNDHURST TERRACE, No. 10, STURTEWANT TERRACE, at the TOP FLOOR of No. 4, BURN BUILDINGS.
FIRST FLOOR, No. 7, PRINCE CENTRAL, lately occupied by Messrs. HOLLAND, WINE & CO.
Apply to THE HONGKONG LAND INVESTMENT & AGENCY CO., LTD., Hongkong, December 30, 1895. 251

TO LET.
NO. 3 WEST VILLAS, No. 1, WEST TERRACE.
Apply to G. C. ANDERSON.
Hongkong, December 4, 1895. 2264

TO LET.
TARKS, Upper Richmond Road, 1, BURN BURN and Tennis Lawn.
Apply to Mr. L. SIMON, 41, Queen's Road, Hongkong, December 5, 1895. 2049

NOTICES OF FIRMS.
NOTICE is hereby given that Mr. ALFRED E. O. KRAUSE, and Mr. PHILIP BERNARD SCHMACKER, Retired from our Firm on the 31st December, 1895, and that Mr. FRIEDRICH CARL PAUL SOBE, Mr. CHARLES ERNEST RAYNER, Mr. GUSTAV ADOLPH DEGENER, have today been admitted PARTNERS. CARLOWITZ & Co.
Hongkong, Shanghai, China, 1st January, 1896. 1

NOTICE.
MR. C. BEURMANN has This Day been ADMITTED a PARTNER in our Firm in Hongkong and China. ARNOLD, KARBERS & Co.
Hongkong, January 1, 1896. 8

NOTICE.
THE TERNIST and RESPONSIBILITY of the late DAVID MONCRIEFF WRIGHT in the Firm of D. MONCRIEFF WRIGHT ceased on the 31st day of December, 1894, since which date the Firm has been carried on by ROBERT JOHN HASTINGS, upon his Own Account. The said ROBERT JOHN HASTINGS will continue to carry on the Business of the late Firm from the 1st day of January, 1896, under the Name of D. M. WRIGHT & Co.
Taiwanfu, 31st December, 1895. 38

Notices to Consignees.
STEAMSHIP CALEDONIAN.
COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES MARITIMES.
NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.
CONSIGNEES of Cargo from London and Havre or S.S. Orizabal, from Bordeaux or S.S. Ville de Dunkerque and Ville de Lille, in connection with the above Steamship, are hereby informed that their Goods—with the exception of Opium, Treasure and Valuables—are being landed and stored at their docks in the Godowns of the Hongkong & Kowloon Wharf & Godown Company, Ltd., at Kowloon, whence delivery may be obtained immediately after landing. Optimal cargo will be forwarded on unless intimation is received from the Consignees before 6 p.m. TO-DAY (Wednesday), in which case it will be landed here. Bills of Lading will be countersigned by the Underwriter. Goods remaining unclaimed after Wednesday, the 10th January, 1896, at Noon, will be subject to sale, and unloading charges. All claims must be sent to the consignee before Wednesday, the 10th January, 1896, or they will not be recognized. All Damaged Packages will be examined on Thursday, the 10th Jan., at 2 p.m. No Free Insurance has been effected. C. TOWNHIRE, Acting Agent.
Hongkong, January 6, 1896. 61

Intimations.
NOTICE is hereby given that an EXTRAORDINARY General MEETING of the HONGKONG BROOK AND CEMENT COMPANY, LIMITED, will be held at the Office of the Company, No. 9, PRINCE CENTRAL, on SATURDAY, the 11th day of January, 1896, at 12 o'clock, Noon, for the purpose of considering and if thought fit passing the following Resolution, that is to say:—
"That the HONGKONG BROOK AND CEMENT COMPANY, LIMITED, be wound-up voluntarily, under the Provisions of the Companies Ordinance 1863 to 1890, and that CHERRY EWEANS, of Victoria, in the Colony of Hongkong, be, and he is hereby appointed, Liquidator for the purposes of such winding-up."
Dated the 23rd day of December, 1895.
By Order of the Board,
W. A. DUFF, Secretary.

NOTICE.
WITH reference to the above Notice the Business of the Company will not be interrupted and Orders will be received as heretofore by the Underwriter.
W. A. DUFF, Secretary.
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THE HONGKONG, CANTON AND MACAO STEAMBOAT COMPANY, LIMITED AND REDUCED.
SUNDAY EXCURSION TO MACAO.

THE Steamer HONAM (weather permitting) will make a SPECIAL CHAP EXCURSION TRIP TO MACAO NEXT SUNDAY, 13th Instant. Hours of Departure: From Hongkong at 9 a.m., and returning with leave Macao at 10 p.m.
A FANCY FAIR is announced, to commence at 1 p.m.
Fare there and back \$2. No Single or Second-class Fare.
Tickets obtainable at the Company's Office, or on Board the STEAMER, before she leaves.
T. ARNOLD, Secretary.
Hongkong, January 9, 1896. 63

THE HONGKONG HIGH-LEVEL TRAMWAYS COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE is hereby given that the Eleventh Ordinary General MEETING of the SHAREHOLDERS of the above Company will be held at the Hongkong Office of the Company, No. 53 and 54, Queen's Road Central, on MONDAY, the 30th day of January, at Noon, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the General Managers, together with a Statement of Accounts for the year ending 30th November, 1895. The Transfer BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from 14th to the 21st Instant, both days inclusive.
JOHN D. HUMPHREYS & SON, General Managers.
Hongkong, January 9, 1896. 64

THE HONGKONG LAND INVESTMENT AND AGENCY COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE is hereby given that the Eighth Ordinary MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS of the above Company will be held at the Company's Office, Victoria Building, on THURSDAY, the 23rd January, 1896, at 12 o'clock (Noon), for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors, together with Statement of Accounts for the year ending 31st December, 1895. The REGISTER of SHARES of the Company will be CLOSED from THURSDAY, the 16th, to THURSDAY, the 23rd January, 1896 (both days inclusive), during which period no Transfer of Shares can be registered.
By Order of the Board of Directors,
A. SERRILL ROOPER, Secretary.
Hongkong, January 9, 1896. 66

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EUROPE IN CHINA: The History of Hongkong from the beginning to the year 1842. Hongkong, 1890. 48.50
HANKOW: OF SUPPLIES: A Handbook of Statistics. Second Edition. Hongkong, 1894. 48.50
THESE LECTURES ON BUDDHISM, 3rd Edition. Hongkong, 1894. 1.50
FERNET-BRANCA: Radiations of Chinese Natural Science. Hongkong, 1894. 48.50
CHINESE DICTIONARY IN THE CHINESE-ENGLISH DICTIONARY, with Appendix. Hongkong, 1877. 410.00
CHINESE SCHOOLBOOKS. Translated. 1. The Elementary Classic. II. The Thousand Words Pamphlet. 90.50 per set. Hongkong, August 1, 1895. 1497

PROSPECTUS

OLIVERS FREEHOLD MINES, LIMITED.

Incorporated under the Ordinances of Hongkong 1865 to 1891, by which the liability of Shareholders is limited to the amount of their Shares.

General Managers

JOHN D. HUMPHREYS & SON.

CAPITAL £800,000.

Divided into 15,000 "A" or Vendors' Shares and 45,000 "B" or Ordinary Shares of \$5 each

(Of which 13,750 "A" Shares and 5,000 "B" Shares have been allotted and 1,250 "A" Shares and 25,000 "B" Shares are now offered for Subscription.)

Terms of Subscription for "B" Shares

(\$1.00 per Share on application.

(\$1.50 per Share on allotment.

The balance at call in instalments. Two months' notice to be given in respect of each instalment called up.

Any person may apply for 1 "A" Share for every 20 "B" Shares applied for by him. The "A" Shares are payable \$1 on application and the balance \$4 on allotment.

Application for Shares accompanied by a deposit of \$1 per Share must be sent in to the HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION at its Head Office or at any of its branches on or before the 16th day of January 1896.

For forms of application apply in Hongkong to JOHN D. HUMPHREYS & SON, General Managers, or to A. S. WATSON & Co., Limited, at Canton, Foochow and Shanghai.

The Company was formed to acquire and has purchased the Olivers 100 Acre Freehold and the other properties adjacent thereto belonging to the Vendors with the Machinery, Stamps, &c. thereon for the price of \$50,000 which has been paid and satisfied by the allotment to the Vendors of 10,000 fully paid "A" or Vendors' Shares and has also purchased the Eureka Mine and the plant and machinery connected therewith situated on the Eastern boundary of the Olivers Freehold for the price of \$35,000 which as to \$10,000 has been paid and satisfied by the allotment to the Vendors of 2,000 fully paid "A" or Vendors' Shares and as to \$25,000 the balance is payable in cash.

All Shares participate equally up to 25 per cent. per annum yearly dividend on the amount paid up on each share but all profits in excess are divided equally between the holders of "A" Shares and "B" Shares.

It is not contemplated at present to issue any more shares but should it become desirable to develop the property on a larger scale the General Managers will propose to the Shareholders that the balance of shares, viz. 15,000 "B" Shares or such part thereof as may be thought advisable, be issued.

The following is the Report on the property made by Mr. J. D. HUMPHREYS:

I arrived in Sydney on Saturday, the 13th July last, where I met by appointment Mr. CHARLES WILLIAMS, a mining expert from Victoria. Mr. WILLIAMS has been personally known to me since 1854; I have absolute confidence in his integrity, skill and judgment. We left Sydney together on Tuesday, the 16th July, and arrived at Mount McDonald on the day following, and commenced our inspection the same afternoon.

The Freehold consists of 100 acres of auriferous land in the form of a direct square, each side of which measures 2087' 6", or 695 yards, 2 feet 6 inches.

The position is to the West of the Eureka Gold Mine, and extends at right angles from its own Eastern Boundary in a Westerly direction, across a creek or water course to the opposite range of hills, on the Northern slope of which the greater part of its area lies. The water course which runs through the Freehold divides two ranges of auriferous hills, and finally empties itself into the River Laichlan, about three miles to the South of the dam of the reservoir which supplies the battery belonging to the property, situated at Mount McDonald in the district of Carcoar in the province of Bathurst, New South Wales.

The battery itself is to the West of the reservoir, and consequently on the Western side of the creek near the Southern boundary of the property, and its site was selected with excellent judgment, as quartz can be carted to it or rolled to it not only from all parts of the Freehold itself but from all the workings in the neighbourhood at little cost. The Machine house, moreover, being close to its water supply, involves no waste of power in feeding the boilers.

The water supply consists of a reservoir formed by a dam across the creek, and is fed by a watershed of considerable extent embraced by the surrounding hills, and I was informed by men who had been working on the ground for years that the supply never failed in the driest season, from which I inferred that the rainfall is supplemented by subsoil drainage and springs. For fuel there is abundance of good timber in the vicinity.

The Machinery we found to be of the best description and comprises a first class engine and two good boilers. There are 4 batteries of 5 head of stamps, capable of crushing about 20 tons a day in all, as well as 3 pans, shaking tables, and all necessary machinery for extracting from the ore the greatest amount of gold it will pay to take out.

The inspection of the rest of the Freehold was greatly facilitated by the whole of the scrub having been cut down before we arrived, so the estate was laid bare and could be viewed from a convenient spot on the hill from end to end.

A party of Tributaries, at work on the Freehold not far from the battery, was raising ore which yielded over 2 ozs. to the ton at each crushing. The men informed me that they discovered the reef on the surface in walking over the hill after rain, by observing gold in quartz at the bottom of a cart rut which had been washed clean by the water flowing through it.

The old workings are of the most primitive description having evidently been made by alluvial miners unaccustomed to quartz. The reefs were worked from the surface down without timbering, until it became dangerous to go deeper. None of these workings were any depth, and the numerous heavy finds of gold were all found near the surface. That much of the quartz must have been very rich is certain, for it is

said about 100 ozs. of gold a month were obtained by the owners of the battery at the time from re-crushing and washing the tailings. One working not far from the battery yielded 10 ozs. of gold to the ton, and 2700 worth of gold was taken out of a hole a few feet deep just below the dam.

It is seen by examining the old workings which still exist that they were mined by men unaccustomed to cope with quartz mining difficulties. The work is of the greatest description and it is evident that as soon as water was reached in sufficient quantity to require machinery, or because the earth began to fall in or become dangerous through being unmined, the mines were abandoned. This part of the district was, moreover, at the time infested by desperate bands of bushrangers who rendered residence there very undesirable. It was a long time before the Government was able to hunt them down, owing to the nature of the country.

Undoubtedly large deposits of gold, and probably exceptionally rich deposits, will be found when these reefs, which proved so good on the surface, are worked to a depth by quartz mining experts under honest and experienced management, backed by sufficient capital. The ground is already prospected; it is well known where the gold has been got near the surface, and it is only necessary to sink properly timbered shafts and get below these old workings and work up. Some of these shafts will require pumping gear.

As far as I know, it has never been heard of that quartz reefs rich in gold near the surface failed to yield good results at a greater depth. Such reefs have been profitably worked on Bendigo and other places to a depth of close on 3,000 feet, and are still at work after 40 years. Given sufficient capital economically administered or expended, as it would be in any other business expected to pay, I am of opinion that better results will be obtained from the working of Olivers Freehold Mines than are obtained by 99 out of 100 of the Gold Companies floated in London and elsewhere.

The Eureka Mine lies on the Eastern boundary of Olivers Freehold and consists of several Gold Mining Leases lying between the Queen Mine on the North and the Great Eastern Mine on the South. It will be seen by reference to the map that to the South of the Great Eastern Mine three large lodes lying on either side of the creek which runs through the Freehold and discharges itself into the Laichlan River have been secured thus giving to the Company a magnificent water supply. The new shaft of the Eureka has been sunk to a depth of 85 feet. The old workings before the mine was flooded out yielded to a depth of 140 feet not less than 1 oz. of Gold per ton with occasional better results. This is recorded in the Government Reports.

It is in this mine that the Company's operations will commence by deepening the new shaft by about 150 feet. This shaft has been properly timbered as far as it goes and is surmounted by pulley heads in the vicinity of which is a machine house with necessary winding and pumping gear for freeing the mine from water. All were in good order and fit to commence work when inspected.

The further sinking of the shaft is not through difficult ground and the cost of labour and properly timbering will be only about \$5 per foot. When deepened sufficient tunnels will be driven to the North and South and the reef will be worked upwards which is the most economical plan.

The amount of water to be dealt with of course increases the cost of mining and renders it impossible for ordinary working miners to develop such properties on their own account but it is not disadvantageous for those having means in a country subject to drought.

One of the drawbacks to the development of mining in the district has been that there was no proper accommodation for miners of the better class with their wives and families and it is proposed to build a few comfortable cottages to induce this class of men to settle on the property.

The operations of the Company will at first be limited to deepening the Eureka new shaft and driving tunnels through the reef. It is confidently anticipated that this mine being taken over in a working condition will pay expenses from an early date and within a short time win good results. A map of the mines is attached and also a map of New South Wales showing Railways and the direction of the reefs running through the property with the position marked of some of the principal mines.

Via:—No. 1.—Ophir where Gold was first discovered in Australia.

No. 2.—Lucknow—The Westworth Proprietary Company, £500,000 Capital.

No. 3.—Mount MacDonald—Olivers Freehold Mines including Eureka, No. 4.—Adelung—Gibraltar Gold Mining Company floated in London, October 1895, Capital £300,000 fully subscribed.

JOHN D. HUMPHREYS & SON,

General Managers.

HONGKONG.

Vessels Advertised as Loading

Destination	Vessels	Agents	Date of Loading
Australian Ports	Changsha (s)	Butterfield & Swire	Jan. 14, at 3 p.m.
Gona and Maracoules	Ciam (s)	Arnold, Karberg & Co.	Jan. 15, at noon
Japan	Ansona (s)	P. & O. S. N. Co.	Jan. 17, at noon
Kobe	Rhodora (s)	Dodwell, Carrill & Co.	Jan. 17, at noon
London & Ports of Call	Kaiser-i-Hind (s)	P. & O. S. N. Co.	Jan. 18, at noon
London, Liverpool, &c.	Chingwa (s)	Holliday, Wise & Co.	About Jan. 19
London, via Suez Canal	Chingwa (s)	Jardine, Matheson & Co.	About Jan. 19
London, via Suez Canal	Achilles (s)	Butterfield & Swire	Jan. 23, at noon
London, via Suez Canal	Siamonah (s)	Dodwell, Carrill & Co.	Jan. 25, at noon
London, via Suez Canal	Mazagon (s)	P. & O. S. N. Co.	About Jan. 24
London, via Suez Canal	Japan (s)	P. & O. S. N. Co.	About Jan. 24
London, via Suez Canal	Aden (s)	P. & O. S. N. Co.	About Jan. 24
London, via Suez Canal	Sydney (s)	Butterfield & Swire	Jan. 22, at noon
London, via Suez Canal	Chingwa (s)	Butterfield & Swire	Jan. 11, daylight
New York, via Suez Canal	Chingwa (s)	Butterfield & Swire	Jan. 14, daylight
New York, via Suez Canal	Salcedo Hall (s)	Dodwell, Carrill & Co.	Jan. 23, at noon
New York, via Suez Canal	Lennox (s)	Arnold, Karberg & Co.	Quick despatch
New York, via Suez Canal	John R. Kelly	Carlitz & Co.	About Feb. 29
New York, via Suez Canal	Daniel Barco	O. & O. S. N. Co.	Jan. 14, at noon
S. Francisco, via Suez Canal	Gahele (s)	Pacific Mail S. S. Co.	Jan. 25, at noon
San Francisco, via Suez Canal	City of Eeking (s)	Shewan & Co.	Quick despatch
Shanghai	Brookfield (s)	Butterfield & Swire	Jan. 14, at noon
Shanghai	Forchov (s)	P. & O. S. N. Co.	About Jan. 14
Shanghai	Gisela (s)	Sander & Co.	About Jan. 14
Shanghai	Borneo (s)	P. & O. S. N. Co.	Jan. 11, at 5 p.m.
Shanghai	Corinthia Rickmers (s)	Arnold, Karberg & Co.	Feb. 1
Shanghai	Sporo Harco (s)	Stamson & Co.	Jan. 14, at 4 p.m.
Singapore, Penang & Ceylon	Ararat (s)	D. S. S. S. Co.	Jan. 14, at 3 p.m.
Singapore, Penang & Ceylon	Ararat (s)	Butterfield & Swire	Jan. 14, at noon
Singapore, Penang & Ceylon	Baidict (s)	P. & O. S. N. Co.	Jan. 14, at noon
Swatow, Amoy & Tamsui	Formosa (s)	Douglas LaPraik & Co.	Jan. 12, daylight
Swatow, Amoy & Tamsui	Empress of China (s)	Canadian Pacific R. Co.	Jan. 22, at noon
Victoria (B.C.), &c.	Tasman (s)	Sor. P. & S. R. Co.	Jan. 23, at noon
Victoria (B.C.), &c.	Mount Lebanon (s)	Shewan & Co.	Jan. 25, at noon
Wuhu	Obihl (s)	Butterfield & Swire	Jan. 12, at noon
Yokohama and Kobe	Taiyuan (s)	Butterfield & Swire	Jan. 15, at noon

To-day's Advertisements.

COMPAGNIE DES MESSEAGERIES MARITIMES.

FOR SHANGHAI.

The Co.'s Steamship *Dordogne*, Capt. A. BLANG, will be despatched for the above Port on TUESDAY, the 14th Instant.

For Freight or Passage, apply to C. TOURNAIRE, Agent.

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CHINA NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR SHANGHAI.

The Steamship *Forchov*, Capt. BLACKBURN, will be despatched on TUESDAY, the 14th Instant.

For Freight or Passage, apply to BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE, Agents.

Hongkong, January 10, 1896. 74

FOR KOBE (DIRECT).

The Steamship *Rhodora*, Capt. WILLIAMS, will be despatched for the above Port at Noon, on FRIDAY, the 17th Instant.

For Freight or Passage, apply to DODWELL, CARRILL & Co., Agents.

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SHIPPING.

ARRIVALS.

January 9:—*Ching Ping*, Chinese steamer, 1,049, W. Black, Shanghai January 9, General—CARLOWITZ & Co.

January 10:—*Freja*, Danish steamer, 397, C. L. Strand, Pakhoi Jan. 7, and Hoilow 9, General—A. R. MARX.

Crown of Aragon, British steamer, 1,500, I. G. Woodward, Nant November 26, Supra Iron—GILMAN & Co.

Taihoeng, German steamer, 328, P. Dohse, Arco Bay December 31, Karlsruhe Oil—MEYER & Co.

Rio, German steamer, 1,109, C. H. Davidson, Singapore Dec. 28, and Hoilow January 9, General—WILKIN & Co.

Foodon, British steamer, 1,282, J. Blackburn, Jan. 20, Supra—BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE.

Formosa, British steamer, 874, Hodgins, Tamsui January 7, Amoy 8, and Swatow 9, General—DODWELL, CARRILL & Co.

Dee Woong, British steamer, 1,057, V. Peckes, Amoy-bay January 9, at 5 p.m.; General—YAN FAT HONG.

Sing, British steamer, from Canton, *Borneo*, British steamer, from Cebu, L. M. Wilmer, London November 30, and Singapore January 4, General—P. & O. S. N. Co.

DEPARTURES.

January 10:—*Taiyang*, for Canton, *Haitan*, for Swatow, *Cassius*, for Singapore and Java, *Composit*, for Hoilow, *Strathgairn*, for Hongkong, *Chingwa*, for Penang (Caroline), *Peking*, for Singapore and London, *Wing Hong*, for Swatow, *Chingta*, for Yokohama, *Singon*, for Wuhu.

CREARED.

Michael Jensen, for Tournon, *Amey Turner*, for Baltimore, *Kedding*, for Nagasaki, *Peking*, for Singapore and London, *Borneo*, for Kobe, *Argyll*, for Kutchin, *Siam*, for Swatow.

PASSENGERS.

Per *Ching Ping*, from Shanghai, 19 Chinese, *Per Freja*, from Hoilow, 20 Chinese, *Per Rio*, from Singapore, 20 Chinese, *Per Peking*, from Singapore, 20 Chinese, *Per Borneo*, from Cebu, 20 Chinese, *Per Argyll*, from Kutchin, 20 Chinese, *Per Siam*, from Swatow, 20 Chinese.

MAILS.

The United States Mail Packet *Golden Gate* will be despatched on TUESDAY, the 14th Instant, with mail to Japan, San Francisco, the United States, Canada, Honolulu, Peru, &c., which will be closed as follows:—

11 a.m. Registry closes, *Per Golden Gate*, 11.30 a.m. Post Office closes, but Correspondence may be carried on board the Packet until 12.30 p.m. of 10 inst. active letters until the time of departure.

MEMOS. FOR TO-MORROW.

Shipping.

Daylight—Kwaiyang leaves for Nanki, 8 p.m.—Borneo leaves for Shanghai, &c.

Meeting.

Noon.—Meeting of Shareholders of The Hongkong Brick & Cement Co., Ltd., at the Company's Office.

Auctions.

2.30 p.m.—Auction of Japanese Plants, at Mr. J. M. Armstrong's.

Amusements.

9.15 p.m.—Smoking Concert.

Miscellaneous.

Goods per *Yindooon* undelivered after this date subject to rent.

Goods per *Thella* undelivered after this date subject to rent.

Goods per *Arratoon* undelivered after this date subject to rent.

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A. S. WATSON & Co., Limited.

THE HONGKONG DISPENSARY.

Hongkong, January 9, 1896. 75

For the publication of this notice charges of 7.50 a.m.

The China Mail.

HONGKONG, FRIDAY, JANUARY 10, 1896.

REUTER'S telegram, dated out by the fragmentary messages to Indian, Ceylon, Siam, and Tonkin, contains contemporary, enable us to form a definite idea of the circumstances that induced Dr. Jameson, the Administrator of the British South Africa Chartered Company, to invade the territory of the Boers. Dissatisfied with the restrictions and harassing exactions of President Kruger and his Viceroy, the British colonists in Johannesburg, apparently rose in revolt, and it was to render assistance to Britishers in distress that Dr. Jameson, with his small body of border police, marched upon the town. They were intercepted by the Boers, probably under General Joubert, checked from advancing and finally compelled to lay down their arms, but, however, without a gallant struggle against superior forces. When the full details reach us, we shall probably find that the British have placed themselves in a false position, and that Dr. Jameson, whose ambition it is to invade the Transvaal in the hope of his great South African Federation, have been altogether too precipitate. In the absence of details it is useless to discuss the present situation, beyond expressing the opinion that the action of Lord Salisbury and Mr. Chamberlain would seem to indicate that the South African Company and Mr. Rhodes were in the wrong, and that they were not entitled to induce the Boer Government to yield to the unreasonable demands of the British colonists.

That the British settlers have substantial grievances, calling for immediate redress, cannot be gainsaid.

Notices to Consignees.

FROM HAMBURG, PENANG AND SINGAPORE.

THE S.S. *Thella*, Capt. R. CHRISTIANSEN, having arrived from the above Ports, Consignees of Cargo are hereby requested to send in their Bills of Lading for counter-signature by the Underagent, and to take immediate delivery of their Goods from alongside.

Optional Cargo will be forwarded unless notice to the contrary be given before 8 p.m. TO-MORROW.

Any Cargo impeding her discharge will be landed into the Godowns of the Hongkong & Shanghai Wharves & Godowns Co., Ltd., and stored at Consignees' risk and expense. No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all Goods remaining undelivered after the 11th inst. will be subject to rent.

All broken, chafed, and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on the 11th inst., at 3 p.m. No Fire Insurance has been effected.

SIEMSEN & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, January 4, 1896. 58

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

FROM CALCUTTA, PENANG AND SINGAPORE.

THE Steamship *Aratoon* having arrived from the above Ports, Consignees of Cargo are hereby informed that their Goods will be delivered from alongside.

Cargo impeding the discharge or remaining on board after the 11th inst., will be landed at Consignees' risk and expense into the Godowns of the WANGWANG STEAMSHIP AND STORAGE CO., Ltd., Wanchai.

Consignees of Cargo from SINGAPORE and PENANG are requested to take immediate delivery of their Goods from alongside, and to pay for the discharge of the Vessel, and to pay a note at Consignees' risk and expense.

No Fire Insurance will be effected. Bills of Lading will be counter-signed by DAVID GASSON, SONS & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, January 8, 1896. 59

Entertainment.

HONGKONG SMOKING CONCERT CLUB.

THE NEXT CONCERT will be given TO-MORROW EVENING, the 11th January, at 8.15 p.m. COMMANDER TUNNARD is the Guest.

JAMES A. LAWSON, Hon. Secretary.

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THEATRE ROYAL, CITY HALL.

Under the Patronage of His Excellency THE GOVERNOR.

Grand Classical Concert BY SIGNORINA BELINFANTE, ASSISTED BY SEVERAL LEADING AMATEURS, ON MONDAY, 20th January, at 9.15 p.m.

Full Particulars will be published later.

SEATS are now being booked at Messrs. KELLY & WALSH, Ltd. Dress Circle and Stalls, \$2.00 Back Seats, \$1.00.

Hongkong, January 10, 1896. 70

PERSEVERANCE LODGE OF HONGKONG, No. 1,185.

A Regular MEETING of the above Lodge will be held in the FRANKLIN, 112, Canton Street, on THURSDAY, the 13th inst., at 8.30 for 9 p.m. previously. Visiting Brethren are cordially invited to attend.

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A MASONIC BALL.

Under the Auspices of the DISTRICT GRAND LODGE OF HONGKONG AND SOUTH CHINA will be held at the CITY HALL, ON MONDAY, 17th February, 1896.

SUPPLIED TO THE 'ORINA MAIL.')

LONDON, January 2, 1896.

GREAT BRITAIN—NAVAL MOVEMENTS.

Additional flying squadron, composed of ships, has been ordered to be put in immediate commission.

The Naval Force is proceeding to Delagoa Bay.

LONDON, Jan. 2, 1896.

THE TRANSVAAL INCIDENT.

Jamesonburg has yielded unconditionally and the inhabitants have given up their arms.

President Kruger has intimated that he will deliver up Dr Jameson and the other leaders of the raid to Sir Hercules Robinson on the border.

Hercules Robinson is satisfied that the crisis is over, and that there is no danger of further hostilities.

The Transvaal Republic demands the extradition of Mr Cecil Rhodes and Dr Jameson from Africa, and an enormous indemnity from the Chartered South Africa Company.

The war preparations in Great Britain are regarded more as a warning to Germany than as indicating a coming war with the Transvaal Republic.

THE FORGERIES IN SOERABAYA.

The Batavia correspondent of the *Singapore Free Press* writes—

“The circulating disclosures are still being made in the Bank note and bill forgeries in Soerabaya. The latest and most important has been that of Han Tjong Ling, well known to European residents, as he is the captain of the Chinese, and one of the oldest men in Java. The report of his arrest has been published.”

... caused a great excitement in the Chinese...
A Chinese furniture maker has also
arrested for having in his possession
terfeit Bank notes amounting to
10,000. In Hsu Tjong Ling's house
was nothing further discovered but a
number of sealed papers, the contents of
which are not yet known. However, which
are out-houses and garden brought to
under suspicious complicity. In the stables,
filled with manure, was an old litho-
graphic handpress. If complete, it certainly
must have been used in the manufacture of
counterfeit money. This discovery was
made at the instance of the stable boy. Hsu
Tjong Ling immediately asserted that he
bought this press from his friends
the Khe Soa, at whose request it was
hidden. If this statement is true,
the press must have been the one bought
from the Khe Soa from Messrs. Gimborg
& Co. But it is not known if this
instrument could have been used for
counterfeiting five hundred and
thousand guilder notes, but probably for
notes of smaller values, that were found to
be in circulation on previous occasions. In
the river before Hsu Tjong Ling's house
lithographic plates were brought up by
the boatmen and also some machinery belonging
to the old press, which he asserted he had
brought out for a renewed search of the Cap-
tain's premises brought to light another
lithographic stone press. His house and
premises, as also that of his brothers, is
now closely under police surveillance. The
opinion in Singapore is that if Han
Tjong Ling is guilty, there are certainly
other Europeans also concerned in the
The Harbour Master and Customs Offi-
ces have received orders to take every
precaution to prevent any escapes by sea.
On the morning of the 17th instant it was
discovered that the houses of certain Euro-
peans, who have been in close connection
with the Chinese, would be searched.
These are other Chinese in Singapore, who
are their families and servants, have been
under police surveillance, but their
loyalty has yet got to be proved.

Mr. Bill, I thought as how you was
"kicked up" 'No! The Bank has says the
"You are bound over to keep the
case towards all Her Majesty's subjects
and mouths" well, all as I says is—
"Don't 'elp the fust furrier as I comes
out."

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Exchange.
HONGKONG, January 10, 1886.

to London—		
Bank, Wire,	111	2/18
On demand,	3/18
30 days sight, ... ..	...	2/18
60 days sight, ... ..	...	2/18
Credit, 3 months sight, ... ..	...	2/4
Documentary, 4 months sight, ... ..	...	2/2 1/2
to Paris—		
On demand, ... ..	...	2.69
Credit, 4 months sight, ... ..	...	2.74
to Berlin—Demand, ... ..	...	2.18
to New York—		
On demand, ... ..	...	—
Credit, 60 days sight, ... ..	...	—
to Bombay—		
Wire, ... ..	...	183 1/2
On demand, ... ..	...	183 1/2
to Calcutta—		
Wire, ... ..	...	183 1/2
On demand, ... ..	...	183 1/2
to Shanghai—		
On demand, ... ..	...	72 1/2
30 days sight, (private paper) ... ..	...	70
Local, 100 days (per telex) ... ..	...	747.90
overseas (Bank's buying rate) ... ..	...	80.1 1/2
Silver (per oz.) ... ..	...	90.1 1/2

HONGKONG REGISTER.

	Previous	On Sale at	On Sale at
	10.00.	10.00.	10.00.
Barometer	30.02	30.10	30.03
Temperature	87	71	74
Humidity	76	43	41
Direction of Wind	N	SE	W.S.W.
Force of Wind	2	1	1
Weather	b	b	b
Time			

Normal open air temperature on 5. 1. and 11. a.m. 80
Normal open air temperature on 5. 1. and 11. a.m. 80

F. C. Fane,
First Assistant,
Hongkong Observatory, Jan. 10, 1886.

DEFECTS OF THE AMERICAN NAVY.

One of the duties of the Congress which meets to-morrow (Dec. 2) should be to enquire into the building of the new Navy, and ascertain whether, in the matter of naval expenditure, the country is getting a fair return for its outlay. It ought to be definitely known whether the cruisers are fast enough to catch fast merchant steamers and to escape from war vessels of superior armament as was the purpose in building them; and whether the battleships are structurally strong and are capable of being manoeuvred and fought as well as the average foreign vessels of the same class. From the rumours that find their way out of the naval service from time to time it would appear that the American war marine is in a bad way. It is said, for example, that the earlier cruisers, particularly the *Boston*, were built with exposed steering gear and that their speed is not sufficient to permit of their catching up with merchant steamers of the second class, particularly in cases where the latter can avail themselves of auxiliary sailing power. The *Albatross*, the flagship of the Pacific Squadron, was so top-heavy that her military masts had to be removed, and light spars substituted. The *Albatross*, in attempting to use her ram upon a derelict schooner was disabled, and had to proceed to Boston under canvas. The *Guards* and *Guards*, after being completed, were returned to the dock to be cut in two and lengthened. The dynamo cruiser *Venusta* is conceded to have been a failure, and the *Amman* radi, *Ketchikan*, has fallen below the contract rate of speed in a trial trip where she had the advantage of selected coal, a clean hull, and a picked crew. Clearly, under service conditions, her speed would be still less by two or three knots and her availability as a ram, the success of whose offensive depends on the swiftness of the blow delivered, would be very much open to question.

Several years ago Admiral Lucas pointed out in the course of a magazine article, that unless the plans of the battleship *Texas* were materially altered, the vessel could not float. Various changes were made, but nothing could wholly repair the error of the original architect. As to the *Indiana*, she is found to have a bad hull, a low inclination which cannot be altered, her speed and the usefulness of her batteries.

Covering all the new ships, from the *New York* and *Columbia* to the *Minneapolis* and *Marblehead*, is the general charge that they cannot be depended upon, in actual service, to make anything like the speed which they are rated in the Navy register. It is known that the *Columbia* made poor time as compared with the *Lucania* in her summer's speed trip across the Atlantic, though it must be admitted that here was a much better showing, comparatively, than that of the *Albatross* in the *Albatross* trial trip to distance one of the *Oceanic* Company's steamers on the voyage from here to Honolulu. (Is not the *Olympia* meant?—Ed., C.M.)

The very sinister rumor having to do with the quality of much of Chicago's armor plate should also have the Congressional attention.

It goes without saying that the country wants a navy, but it is not in the mood to have brought back the Robesonian era of great outlay and small results in our maritime establishment. The American people once built the *Albatross* in the best clipper ships in the world. They still build the fastest yachts, and in the line of invention they have produced the ironclad and the turret. They know very well that they have among them the talent and resources to build trustworthy battleships and cruisers, and that they should have found that their efforts were being thwarted by jobbery or by a red-tape system of selection in the Navy Department which puts untrained sailors and troglodytes over educated, enterprising and competent naval constructors, why then it would be hard with the American people to see that the Navy Department should be able to happen to be in power. To begin with, the public would welcome a painstaking inquiry at the hands of a Congressional committee, which should have power to extract the professional criticism which various naval officers are said to be withholding because of the regulation of the service, that fact being that the public had with their department.—San Francisco Chronicle.

CRICKET CURIOSITIES IN 1895.

ONE FAIR CATCH.
Ottawa to hand by last mail included 'Fons Curvicularis' of 1895.

March—Dumbell (Clyde), A. C. W. Clark and A. O. Whiting put on 223 runs for first wicket of Dumbell v. Royal War-wickshire Regiment.

March—Adelaide, South Australia v. Victoria. In second innings of South Australia James leading the ball into his shirt took it out and gave it to his opponent. He was of course given out.

May 3rd.—Lord, M. C. C. and Ground v. Kent. The highest of the four innings was 64.

May 9th.—Portsmouth, Southern District Staff v. Connaught Rangers. Major Friend and Captain Johnson put on 200 in the first hour of the form.

May 17th.—Bristol, Gloucestershire v. Somersetshire. W. G. Grace scored 283 in Gloucestershire's first innings. His hundred 'century' in first-class cricket.

May 28th.—Gravesend, Gloucestershire v. Kent. In the third day 1,103 runs were scored for 11 wickets. W. G. Grace was on the field while every ball in the match was bowled. In the first innings of Gloucestershire he was last out, having scored 257. In the second innings, going in first, he was not out at the close, having made 72 of 106 for one wicket.

June 3rd.—Leyton, Essex v. Leicester-shire. Picket took all ten wickets in Leicester's first innings.

June 6th.—Manchester, Lancashire v. Kent. Lancashire scored 487. Mould took sixteen of seventeen Kent wickets that fell to the bowlers.

June 12th.—Carrageh, Royal Munster Fusiliers v. Army Service Corps. Captain Oates and Private Fitzgerald put on 428 for the second wicket of the former. The largest number of runs put on for a wicket. Captain Oates scored 313, Private Fitzgerald 287.

June 26th.—Brighton, Sussex v. Oxford University. In all 1,419 runs were scored for twenty-eight wickets. The highest aggregate in a first-class match in England.

July 1st.—Oval, Middlesex v. Surrey. A. E. Roddard, in the first innings of Middlesex, was stumped and given out, but ball was not struck. In the second innings a ball of F. R. Smith hit his wicket hard without touching the ball.

July 4th.—Lancashire, Oxford v. Cambridge. There were 67 extras, of which 13 were no-balls, in the four innings.

July 14th.—Taunton, Lancashire v. Somersetshire. Lancashire scored 301. The highest total for a first-class match. Mr. A. C. Roddard's 244 is also the highest individual score in first-class cricket.

July 19.—Boscombe, Bedford College v. Northampton. A. J. Joseph got all the wickets of latter in the first innings, hitting the stumps in every case, and scored 164 not out. Sergeant Cockburn carried his bat through the *Anglian* innings for 14, all the runs being from the bat.

August 22nd.—Taunton, Somersetshire v. Surrey. Tyler took all ten wickets in Surrey's first innings.

August 26th.—Bristol, Gloucestershire v. Surrey. In Surrey's first innings Mr. Key was run out from a no-ball hit by Lohmann.

August 28th.—Taunton, Somersetshire v. Yorkshire. In Yorkshire's second innings Tyler dismissed Brown, Denton, and Tunnicliffe with successive balls.

INSURANCES.

UNION ASSURANCE SOCIETY.

(Incorporated in the Reign of Queen Anne A.D. 1714).
CAPITAL FULLY SUBSCRIBED, £450,000.
CAPITAL PAID UP, £180,000.
TOTAL INVESTED FUNDS EXCEED £2,700,000.
TOTAL ANNUAL INCOME, £250,000.

THE UNDERSIGNED, having been appointed AGENTS of the above Society in Hong Kong, is prepared to issue POLICIES against FIRE on the usual terms.

HARRY WICKING,
Praya Central.

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NORTH BRITISH AND MERCANTILE INSURANCE COMPANY.

TOTAL FUNDS AT 31st DECEMBER, 1894, £1,017,018 2s. 2d.
Authorised Capital, £3,000,000.00
Paid-up Capital, £2,750,000.00
FIRE FUNDS, £2,410,952.7.0
Revenue Fire Branch, £1,546,866.18.7

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Hongkong, January 1, 1895. 12

Intimations.

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Hongkong, January 3, 1896. 20

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